

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection in the Office Action are respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended, and support for same is found in the specification at least at page 9, lines 1-7, and Fig. 3

Summary of the Rejections:

(1) Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Sanchez (U.S. 6,449,479).

Applicants' Traversal:

It is respectfully requested that none of the present claims are either anticipated by Sanchez, nor would have any of the present claims been obvious to an artisan in view of Sanchez.

35 U.S.C. §102(e):

First, in order for a reference to anticipate, the reference must contain all of the claimed features of the application that it is cited against. However, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is distinguishable over Sanchez.

Instant claim 1 has been clarified to recite that "transmitting from said HLR to **an Access Switching Processor (ASP)** of said originating MSC a response message responsive to said request message", which is not believed to be disclosed or suggested by the Sanchez reference.

For example, Fig. 3 of the presently claimed invention shows at step 320 that the response is transmitted to the ASP 111, and the ASP 111 then updates the VLR 112. In particular, the present invention shows the QUALCODE profile being sent as part of the FEATREQ Response (A.K.A. FEATREQ Return) message.

In contrast, Sanchez appears at best silent in this regard. In fact, Sanchez shows that the HLR 80 transmits response data 290 to the MSC 50, 60, and the MSC in turn updates the VLR 70. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Sanchez fails to disclose or suggest the more efficient method of the present invention, which eliminates the additional steps shown in Fig. 1 by combining some of the features previously sent in separate or different messages than the initial response message.

Applicants respectfully submit the presently claimed invention provides an advantage over Sanchez that is not disclosed or suggest by the reference by transmitting from said HLR to **an Access Switching Processor (ASP)** of said originating MSC a response message responsive to said request message, said response message and updated information of said subscriber (as recited in claim 1), which eliminates the need to recite a QUALDIR to an additional node 75 as disclosed by Sanchez at column 4, lines 59-62. As a result, the present invention reduces activation/deactivation progresses of an additional service.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that for at least the above reasons, none of the instant claims are anticipated by, nor would they have been obvious in view of, Sanchez.

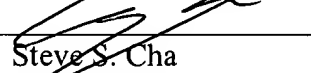
Conclusion:

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all grounds of rejection with regard to claims 1-14 have been overcome, and are allowable at least for the reasons indicated above. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. If there are any fees due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 502-470.

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